

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday March 14, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman- via telephone
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(96) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of March 6, 2006. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division
Lori Sandru, Utility Division
Phil Cooke, Utility Division

(97) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Yellow-Page.Net Cramming Complaint-Docket No. D2004.12.198:

Commissioner Schneider moved to direct staff to engage in settlement negotiation with Yellow-Page on a fast track for the purpose of solving pending complaints and report back to the Commission on the results. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Tim Sweeney, Legal Division
Mike Lee, Utility Division

(98) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of US Senate bill S.2389, Protecting Consumer Phone Records Act:

Commissioner Jergeson moved to send the letter to Senator Burns with a copy to Senator Baucus and Representative Rehburg. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Al Brogan, Legal Division
Will Rosquist, Utility Division

(99) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy 2005 Electric Default Supply Resource Procurement Plan- Docket No. N2005.12.172:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant the extension. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(100) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of City of Great Falls and Electric City Power, Inc. petition for amendment of ARM 38.5.8005- Docket No. N2006.1.11:

Commissioner Raney moved to deny the petition for amendment of ARM 38.5.8005 in Docket N2006.1.11. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division
Kate Whitney, Administrator Utility Division

(101) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of approval of out-of-state travel. ACT requests approval of travel for three attorneys, Martin Jacobson, Al Brogan, and Robin McHugh to the National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys in Scottsdale in June, and for Scott Fabel to the NARUC staff subcommittee on accounting and finance in Texas at the end of April:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve out-of-state travel for three attorneys, Martin, Al, and Robin, to the National Conference of Regulatory Attorneys in Scottsdale in June, and for Scott Fabel to the NARUC staff subcommittee on accounting and finance in Texas the end of April. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday March 16, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Molnar was absent, but left his proxy with Commissioner Mood.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Legal Division
Mike Lee, Utility Division

(102) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Settlement of Appeal to the 9th Circuit. Ronan Telephone appealed two PSC orders involving interconnection b/t it and Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative to the federal district court, which affirmed the PSC orders in their entirety. Ronan appealed that decision to the 9th circuit and then approached the Commission with a proposal to settle the appeal. The Commission gave direction last fall and the staff, MCC and Ronan have been working on a settlement to the Commission for consideration:

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve the Stipulation for Dismissal, and Attachments "A" (Interconnection Agreement between Ronan Telephone Company and Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Montana Wireless, Inc., and their Subsidiaries and Affiliates), "B" (Revised [PSC] Final Order and Order Closing Docket, Order No. 6225g, Docket No. D2000.1.14 and Order No. 6404d, Docket No. D2000.5.63), and "C" (Revised [PSC] Order on Motion for Reconsideration and Pending Motions, Order No. 6225i, Docket No. D2000.1.14), referred to in and attached to the Stipulation for Dismissal, which Stipulation is to be filed by March 17, 2006 with the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, along with a request that appeal No. 05-35434, filed by Ronan Telephone Company challenging the Opinion and Order issued on March 29, 2005 by the United States District Court for the District of Montana, CV 03-20-H-CCL, be dismissed. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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GREG JERGESON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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